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For: MEASUREMENT DEVICE AND METHOD)
FOR DETERMINING THE THREE- DIMENSIONAL)
ORIENTATION OF A BODY RELATIVE TO TWO)
HORIZONTAL REFERENCE DIRECTIONS)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Published German Patent Application 100 60 974 A1 discloses an arrangement for measuring the alignment of parallel shafts in which adapters 20 for carrying the measuring components 60, 62 is attached by screwing to the ends of the shafts.

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It is requested that the accompanying PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initial a copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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